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Administrators who receive bulk quantities of MONTANA SCHOOLS are reminded that each teacher should be given a copy. If your staff has increased and you need more copies, please advise.

Harriet Miller, State Superintendent, is visiting schools in northern, eastern and central Montana this month. Visits with county superintendents and school administrators also are scheduled. October dates and areas . . . 5th--Broadus . . . 6th--Miles City . . . 7th--Baker . . . 8th--Ekalaka . . . 9th--Wibaux . . . 12th--Glendive . . . 13th--Terry . . . 14th--Sidney and Fairview . . . 15th--Plentywood-Culbertson-Reserve area . . . 16th--Scobey . . 26th--Glasgow . . . 27th--Wolf Point and Poplar . . . 28th--Circle . . . 29th--Jordan.

Members of the Teachers' Retirement System who are nearing retirement may want to take advantage of new provisions resulting from 1959 changes in the law. Those now teaching who plan to retire before September, 1961 and who earned more than $5,000 per year in the 1957 to 1959 period can increase their retirement income by making an additional contribution to the System. Details from J. Hugh McKinny, Executive Secretary, Teachers' Retirement Board, Helena.

Home Economics teachers will soon be advised by General Mills of the sixth annual "Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow." This scholarship program for senior girls is approved by the National Association of Secondary-School Principals.

"How Good Is Your Elementary Music Program?", a newly-revised edition of the Department of Public Instruction's elementary music guide, has just been distributed to district and county superintendents. A few copies are available and will be sent upon request to individuals. Librarians may want to have the list of music books for elementary school libraries, included in the guide. Other contents . . . Elementary School Music Series and Recordings . . . Folk Music . . . American Negro Music . . . American Indian Music . . . Sources of Visual Aids in Music . . . Criteria for Evaluating Music Textbooks . . . Equipment and materials lists.

School Lunch Workshops, conducted in cooperation with the Department of Public Instruction's School Lunch Division, L. L. Brown, Director, will be held in seven Montana communities in October. Dates and places . . . 3rd--Havre, Lincoln-McKinley School . . . 10th--Poplar High School . . . 10th--Lewistown, Garfield School . . . 17th--Billings, Lewis and Clark Junior High School . . . 17th--Missoula County High School . . . 31st--Bozeman High School . . . 31st--Columbia Falls High School.

Calendar: November 5-6, Billings -- Language Arts Curriculum Committee.

Important Reminder from the State Board of Health: The basic schedule of three polio shots is still recommended for all persons, particularly teachers and those who have frequent contact with children. Immunity at 40 is a myth; immunity cannot be considered automatic at any age. Shots do not guarantee immunity, but U. S. Public Health Service studies show that the "probability of contracting paralytic polio has been reduced on the average of 75% for individuals who have received the basic series of three injections of vaccine as compared with non-vaccinated individuals." . . . A booster dose is recommended to those under 40 who have had three shots at least a year ago.

Billings and Butte will be visited by "Schoolroom Progress U.S.A.," a traveling railroad car exhibit sponsored by the Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, the Encyclopedia Britannica and, locally, by the Montana Power Company. The exhibit shows the evolution of schoolrooms from the early 1800's to the present. Dates: Billings -- October 21-25 . . . Butte -- December 3-6.

The new Committee on School Construction Codes appointed by Superintendent of Public Instruction Harriet Miller held its first meeting September 25. The committee, to study matters pertaining to state responsibilities for school buildings, is composed of representatives from the Montana Institute of Architects, the Montana Association of School Administrators, the Montana School Boards Association, the State Board of Health, the Industrial Accident Board and the Department of Public Instruction.

Seventy-five Montana Future Farmers will attend the National F. F. A. Convention at Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-16.

All Montana elementary schools will soon receive a report form from Elementary Supervisor Robert G. Sando. The report is related to the new elementary standards and will be due back in Helena on November 5.

A revised Catalog of State Correspondence School Courses, with brief additional instructions for enrolling, is to be distributed soon to county superintendents, district superintendents and high school principals by Correspondence School Director Maynard Olson.

Home Economics teachers scheduled to attend the Pacific Regional Conference for Home Economics Education at Denver, November 9-13, are Jamie Yule, Great Falls High School; Mrs. Ethel Miller, Flathead County High School, Kalispell; Angie Oberto, Garfield Junior High School, Billings; Dr. Helen Hollandsworth, Montana State College and Mrs. Vanetta Lewis, Montana State University. State Home Economics Supervisor Flora Martin will represent the State Department.

An N.D.E.A. Title VIII Conference on Area Vocational Education Programs at Seattle, October 12-13, will be attended by State NDEA Coordinator William L. Erickson and Trades and Industrial Supervisor Lyle Roeseler.

Teacher education programs at Eastern and Western Montana Colleges of Education will be evaluated in October by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. State Certification Director Parks Whitmer will serve on the team of evaluators.

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